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METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HOLLOW RACK SHAFT
By: Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO, and
Yasushi WATANABE
Attorney Docket: 18733/00040

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HOLLOW RACK SHAFT, Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO, and Yasushi WATANABE, inventors:

- (1) Specification (38 pages, including 14 claims and an abstract);
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (8 pages);
- (3) Formal Drawings (14 sheets);
- (4) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data (2 pages);

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- (5) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with certified copies of Japanese priority documents nos. 2000-064298 (23 pages), 2000-114306 (20 pages), and 2000-114502 (24 pages);
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages) and PTO-1449 Form (1 page), and copies of three (3) references cited; and
- (7) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to NSK Ltd., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate).

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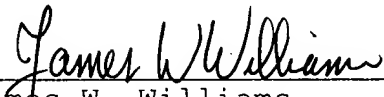
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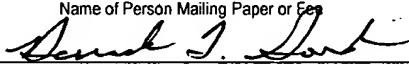
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